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Ms. Gerry Longway, Town Clerk
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RE: Site Management Activities Completed
Petroleum Contamination at Old Hotel Site
Fairfield, Vermont
SMS Site # 94-1600

Dear Ms. Longway:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, Sites Management Section (SMS) has completed its evaluation of contamination issues at the Old Hotel Site. Based on the finding of this evaluation, the SMS can make the following determination:

- ☐ On April 28, 1994 two abandoned gasoline underground storage tanks were removed from this property. The property was formerly a Hotel, a Feed Store and a Service Garage. The underground storage tanks were believed to have been abandoned in the late 60s to early 70s.
- ☐ During the UST removal low level petroleum contamination was observed in the soils below the USTs. One cubic yard of contaminated soils were stockpiled on site for treatment. Five private water supply wells were identified in the immediate area of the property. Additional investigation work was requested due to the proximity of these wells to the site.
- ☐ The former owner of this property, John Soule, never completed the investigation requested by the SMS. The Town of Fairfield subsequently purchased this property to locate a new town clerk's office.
- ☐ On May 11, 2001, the SMS and town officials conducted a subsurface investigation. A backhoe test pit was excavated directly downgradient of the former UST area. No contamination was detected in the soils collected from the test pit.
- ☐ A receptor survey was conducted on May 11, 2001. The SMS learned that the private wells in the area had all been connected to a municipal water system. The water supply well observed directly downgradient was never put in use. On May 11, 2001 a water supply sample was collected from the abandoned well and tested using EPA Method

8260. No contamination was measured in this sample.

- ☐ There is no significant threat to human health or the environment resulting from any residual contamination which may be present from the former USTs removed from this property.

Based on the above, SMS is assigning this site a Site Management Activity Completed (SMAC) designation. This SMAC designation does not release the Town of Fairfield of any past or future liability associated with the petroleum contamination remaining at the site. It does, however, mean that the SMS is not requesting any additional work at this time. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at (802)-241-3888.

Sincerely,



George Desch, Chief
Sites Management Section

cc: DEC Regional Office (transmitted electronically)

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